ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

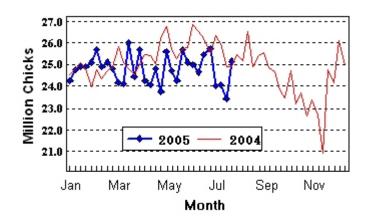
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.1 million during the week ending July 30, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and up 7 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through July 30, 2005 were 768.9 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.4 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

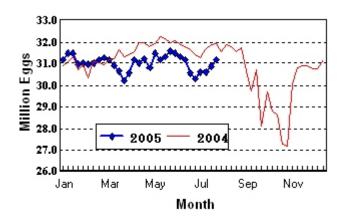
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 30, 2005, down 2 percent from the same period last year, but up1 percent from the previous week.

	NET :	PLACEMEN	NTS	CHIC	KS HATC	HED	EGGS SET			
Week			%			%			%	
Ending	2004	2005	Change	2004	2005	Change	2004	2005	Change	
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Jun. 25	26,166	25,470	97	26,585	26,251	99	31,647	30,555	97	
Jul. 2	25,484	25,763	101	26,419	26,153	99	31,452	30,301	96	
Jul. 9	26,353	24,035	91	26,297	25,696	98	31,262	30,623	98	
Jul. 16	25,933	24,077	93	26,146	25,065	96	31,653	30,603	97	
Jul. 23	24,888	23,448	94	25,985	24,981	96	31,896	30,862	97	
Jul. 30	24,929	25,144	101	25,654	25,355	99	31,944	31,178	98	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILEREGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKSPLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
STATE	09-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	%	25-Jun	02-Jul	09-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	%
Alabama	31,402 *	31,768	31,918	31,505	103	21,560	22,088	21,748	21,383	21,943	21,683	100
ARKANSAS	30,623	30,603	30,862	31,178	98	25,470	25,763	24,035	24,077	23,448 *	25,144	101
Delaware	3,974	4,073	4,070	4,060	109	5,822	5,913	5,978	6,395	4,147	5,103	99
Florida	1,384	1,384	1,380	1,383	102	1,482	1,516	1,502	1,489	1,445	1,586	112
Georgia	33,436	33,337	33,050 *	33,130	97	28,280	27,057	27,716 *	27,350 *	26,050 *	27,528	108
Kentucky	7,142 *	7,086	7,124 *	7,085	98	6,222	5,563	5,820 *	5,814 *	5,818 *	5,981	95
Louisiana	4,135	4,135	4,135	4,135	106	4,057	3,801	4,204	4,055	4,120	4,118	109
Maryland	9,022	8,938	8,950	8,878	100	5,533	5,471	5,284	4,830	6,545	5,710	106
Mississippi	19,165	19,101	19,099	18,970	96	17,212	17,248	17,297	17,350	17,459 *	17,394	102
N. Carolina	17,378	18,350	17,851	18,064	97	14,998	15,896	15,010	15,103	14,258	14,422	97
Oktahoma	6,282	6,563	6,563 *	6,608	97	5,405	4,761	5,531	5,600	5,121 *	3,869	79
Pennsylvania	4,117	4,045	4,333 *	4,061	98	2,982 *	2,965	2,951 *	2,984	2,841 *	3,007	106
S. Carolina	5,052	4,971	5,141 *	5,050	132	4,605	4,337	3,975	4,544	4,467 *	3,854	80
Texas	15,329	15,208	15,199	15,078	98	12,972	13,002	12,964	12,881	12,302	12,884	101
Virginia	6,491	6,062	6,474	6,333	95	5,496	5,108	4,734	5,209	5,225 *	5,707	101
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,243	18,260	17,952 *	18,301	104	16,085	<u>17,545</u>	<u>17,780</u>	16,633	17,318	16,859	98
Total 2005	212,175	213,884	* 214,101 *	213,819		178,181 *	178,034	176,529 *	175,697 *	172,507 *	174,849	
Total 2004	211,359	214,348	213 <u>,16</u> 0	<u>214,939</u>		175 <u>,59</u> 5	176 <u>,75</u> 1	176 <u>,62</u> 0	<u>176,174</u>	<u>17</u> 3 <u>,18</u> 5	<u>174,18</u> 3	
%Prev. Year	100	100	100	99		101	101	100	100	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005												

^{*} Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending July 30, 2005. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 30, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 30, 2005 were 5.28 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.